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Application No. 09/991,978  
Resp. dated January 28, 2005  
Resp. to office communication dated December 28, 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: **Yun-Peng HUANG et al**

Serial No. **09/991,978**

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For: **EXCIPIENTS CONTAINING  
LOW RESIDUAL SOLVENT  
AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME**

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(formerly 33154-176173)

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313  
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated December 28, 2004, submitted herewith are the following:

1. a copy of the Office communication dated December 28, 2004; and
2. the entire "Amendments to the claims" section as submitted on October 6, 2004

with the following corrections:

- (a) correcting the status identifiers of claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 to "previously presented";
- (b) correcting the numbering of claim 30 added in the July 28, 2003 amendment

(which is claim 30 in the October 6, 2004 amendment) to claim 32; also underlining "13" to reflect the change made during the October 6, 2004 amendment;

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- (c) correcting the numbering of claim 31 added in the July 28, 2003 amendment (which is claim 31 in the October 6, 2004 amendment) to claim 33; correcting the dependency now to claim 32;
- (d) correcting the numbering of claim 32 added in the July 28, 2003 amendment (which is claim 32 in the October 6, 2004 amendment) to claim 34; correcting the status identifier to "currently amended" to reflect the correction of the dependency now to claim 33;
- (e) correcting the numbering of claim 33 added in the July 28, 2003 amendment (which is claim 33 in the October 6, 2004 amendment) to claim 35; and
- (f) correcting the numbering of claim 34 added in the July 28, 2003 amendment (which is claim 34 in the October 6, 2004 amendment) to claim 36; correcting the status identifier to "currently amended" to reflect the correction of the dependency now to claim 35.

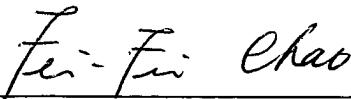
Please note that (a) one of the original claim 21 has been renumbered as claim 27 and later canceled in the July 28, 2003 amendment; (b) claims 27 and 28 added in the amendment dated April 14, 2003 have been renumbered as claims 28 and 29 which were later canceled; and (c) claims 28 and 29 added in the July 28, 2003 which were later canceled are now numbered as claims 30 and 31.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above corrections are made to clarify the numbering and status of the claims in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) and are not to be construed as narrowing the scope of the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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